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‘Tis the season:

With the end of daylight savings time, be alert for a potential uptick in street crime

Recent studies have shown that street crime—most notably robberies—increase when daylight savings time ends and it gets dark earlier. Robberies are often crimes of opportunity that target individuals who are distracted (read: texting/reading/talking on a smart phone) and are walking alone. In years past, robberies have increased in the area of Metro stations as commuters walked home from work.

The Village Police Department strongly recommends that you stay alert and that you appear alert to any would-be robber. Walk with your head up, eyes sweeping left and right, with a confident, purposeful gait—and walk in a group if at all possible. Lone walkers who move slowly, head down, texting or reading are much more prone to falling victim to thieves or robbers.